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## Letter dated 21 December 2001 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit a letter addressed to you by the Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of Germany, Joschka Fischer, concerning the deployment of some 1,450 troops from Germany, the Netherlands and Denmark as part of the International Security Assistance Force for Afghanistan (see annex).

I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Hanns **Schumacher**
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## Annex to the letter dated 21 December 2001 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

## Letter dated 21 December 2001 from the Deputy Chancellor and Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of Germany to the Secretary-General

The United Nations Security Council has called upon Member States to contribute personnel, equipment and other resources to the International Security Assistance Force for Afghanistan and has invited those Member States to inform the leadership of the Force and the Secretary-General.

It is my pleasure to inform you that in response to this request, Germany, together with the Netherlands and Denmark, is willing to contribute to the International Security Assistance Force for a period of up to six months with a combined contingent of some 1,450 troops, subject to the completion of constitutional requirements in all three countries. An advance party of some 200 troops will be on 48-hour notice to move immediately after the Bundestag has authorized the German participation.

The German Federal Government, also on behalf of the Government of the Netherlands and the Government of Denmark, has informed the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland as the leadership of the Force of their willingness to make this contribution to assist the Afghan Interim Authority in the maintenance of security in Kabul and its surrounding areas.

(*Signed*) Joschka **Fischer**